

## Message Text

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R 240810Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4952

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FOR S/NM

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, EAID, TH  
SUBJ: RTG ATTACK ON COMMUNIST INSURGENT CAMP IN MAE CHAM DISTRICT

REF CHIAN MAI 197,

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO DEPT REFTEL, WHICH REPORTS ATTACK BY THAI PROVINCIAL POLICE ON SMALL ENCAMPMENT OF THAI COMMUNIST INSURGENTS IN MAE CHAM DISTRICT, CHIANG MAI PROVINCE, MAY 16. CLASH WAS ON MINOR SCALE, WITH ONE CI KILLED AND WEAPONS, AMMO AND DOCUMENTS SEIZED. FOR PAST YEAR OR SO THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS OF LOW LEVEL OF COMMUNIST INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN MAE CHAM. WE HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THESE INDICATIONS, AS MAE CHAM IS THE FOCUS OF RTG PROGRAM FOR OPIUM CROP SUBSTITUTION NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT. WHEN PROGRAM IS FULLY DEVELOPED, WE HAVE PLANNED TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDING SUPPORT FOR IT UNDER INC AND, EVENTUALLY, UNDER REGULAR USAID REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

2. EMBASSY AGREES WITH ASSESSMENT OF OUR CONSUL IN CHIANG MAI (PARA 10, REFTEL) THAT, "WHILE ANY FUTURE PLANNING FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE MUST NOW RECOGNIZE A POTENTIAL SECURITY PROBLEM IN THE AREA, I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT THE

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THREAT IN MAE CHAM IS SUFFICIENTLY DANGEROUS TO FORCE ANY CHANGE IN ONGOING US PLANNING." SITUATION CALLS FOR CAREFUL MONITORING, WHICH WE PLAN TO DO.

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